

THIRTEENTH DAY.

(Thursday, January 27, 1921.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Thomas.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Adams.	Henderson
Aiken.	of Marion.
Baker.	Hendricks.
Baldwin.	Hill.
Barker.	Horton.
Barrett of Bell.	Johnson
Barrett of Fannin.	of Gillespie.
Bass.	Johnson of Ellis.
Beasley	Johnson
of Hopkins.	of Wichita.
Beasley	Jones.
of McCulloch.	Kacir.
Beavens.	Kellis.
Binkley.	King.
Black, O. B.,	Kveton.
of Bexar.	Lackey.
Black, W. A.,	Laird.
of Bexar.	Lauderdale.
Bonham.	Lawrence.
Brady.	Lindsey.
Branch.	Looney.
Brown.	McDaniel.
Bryant.	McFarlane.
Burkett.	McKean.
Burmeister.	McLeod.
Burns.	Malone.
Carpenter.	Martin.
Childers.	Marshall.
Chitwood.	Mathes.
Coffee.	Melson.
Cox.	Menking.
Crawford.	Merriman.
Crumpton.	Miller of Dallas.
Cummins.	Miller of Parker.
Curtis.	Morgan.
Darroch.	Moore.
Davis, John E.,	Morris of Medina.
of Dallas.	Morris
Davis, John,	of Montague.
of Dallas.	Mott.
Dinkle.	Neblett.
Duffey.	Owen.
Duncan.	Patman.
Edwards.	Perkins
Estes.	of Cherokee.
Faubion.	Perkins of Lamar.
Fly.	Perry.
Fugler.	Pollard.
Garrett.	Pool.
Greer.	Pope.
Grissom.	Quaid.
Hanna.	Quinn.
Hardin.	Rice.
Harrington.	Rogers of Harris.
Harrison.	Rogers of Shelby.
Henderson	Rosser.
of McLennan.	Rountree.

Rowland.	Thompson
Satterwhite.	of Harris.
Schweppe.	Thompson
Seagler.	of Red River.
Shearer.	Thorn.
Sims.	Thrasher.
Smith.	Veatch.
Sneed.	Wadley.
Stephens.	Walker.
Stevenson.	Wallace.
Stewart of Reeves.	Webb.
Swann.	Wessels.
Sweet of Brown.	West.
Sweet of Tarrant.	Westbrook.
Teer.	Williams
Thomas	of McLennan.
of Limestone.	Williams
Thomason.	of Montgomery.
	Wright.

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Quicksall.
Laney.	Stewart
Leslie.	of Edwards.
McCord.	

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Hall for the balance of this week, on motion of Mr. Jones.

Mr. Patman for today, on motion of Mr. Henderson of Marion.

Mr. Stewart of Edwards was excused for today and indefinitely on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Wadley.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Hardin:

H. B. No. 263, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing and directing the Board of Prison Commissioners of the State of Texas to sell the Texas State Railroad and to cease the operation of same under certain conditions; providing for the advertising of said railroad for sale on certain terms and conditions, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Penitentiaries.

By Mr. Barker:

H. B. No. 264, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit any person for him-

self, herself or for any other person to register at any hotel, rooming house or boarding house in any manner other than the name by which such person is commonly known."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Smith:

H. B. No. 265, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6772, Chapter 1, Title 117, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911, fixing the time within which commissioners courts of any county heretofore or hereafter created, either in whole or in part from the territory of any county or counties, shall order the records, deeds, mortgages, conveyances, incumbrances and muniments of title affecting, or in anywise relating to all lands and real property which are or may be embraced in the territory so acquired, and provide books for said purpose; repealing an act passed by the Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, being Senate bill No. 37, Chapter 50, entitled 'An Act to amend Article 6775, Title 117, Chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911'; re-enacting Article 6775 of the Revised Statutes of Texas of 1911, providing for compensation to be paid to the county clerk or person making a transcript of record for a transcript of records for new counties, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Counties.

By Mr. Hill:

H. B. No. 266, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 6, of the Special Laws of Texas passed by the Second Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature at page 39 thereof, approved August 30, 1917, being an act creating the Alanreed Independent School District in Gray county, Texas, giving the board of trustees the power to select and designate the depository for said school district, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Hill:

H. B. No. 267, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring the 11th day of November of each year a holiday, and designating the same as Armistice Day."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Adams:

H. B. No. 268, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1809 of Chapter 2, Title 36, of the Revised Civil

Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to fees, salary of judge of county court of Tarrant county for civil cases, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Henderson of McLennan:

H. B. No. 269, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of citizens of this State who are, or have been absent from this State for more than six months because of their being in the military, naval, legislative or diplomatic service of the State or the United States, to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Beasley of McCulloch, Mr. Sims and Mr. Stephens:

H. B. No. 270, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4113, Chapter 8, Title 64 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, providing for the return of an inventory and appraisement of a ward's estate, and where such inventory and appraisement shows such estate to be of the value of \$1,000.00 or less, authorizing a guardian to control, manage, or dispose of all or any part of the same without further application or order from the probate court; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Cox:

H. B. No. 271, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 2826 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, of 1911, and dispensing with the requirement that public school teachers make affidavit in connection with salary checks as now provided by said statutes and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Perkins of Cherokee and Mr. Thomason:

H. B. No. 272, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the burden of proof as to heirship in suits by or in behalf of, or by any person through or under any heir or heirs, in cases, involving the title to real estate or any interest therein where deeds of conveyance or other instruments of writing have been executed and recorded according to law, for a period of twenty-one years, by such heir or heirs or any person or persons purporting in such deed of conveyance, or other instrument in writing, to be such heir or heirs, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Wright:

H. B. No. 273, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3785, Chapter 1, Title 55, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, providing for property that shall be exempt to every family from forced sale."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Perry:

H. B. No. 274, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act to create a more efficient road system for Erath county, in this State, and making the county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as such road commissioners, and providing for the condemning of material for the construction and maintenance of public roads and to provide for the compensation for the material used, and the providing for the working of county convicts on public roads and the purchase of supplies for such convicts, and rewards for the capture of escaped county convicts and for the commutation of sentence for faithful service and good behavior; and defining the powers and duties of road overseers; and to provide for the summoning of hands and teams for road work and the allowance for time for service for hands and teams on public roads, and fixing a penalty for violation of same and relieving them from the payment of such work by the payment of three dollars; and providing further, for ordering an election to be held in said county by the qualified tax-paying voters to determine whether or not an additional annual ad valorem tax for road and bridge purposes shall be levied and collected in said county; making this act cumulative of the general laws now in force; and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency; passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature and approved by the Governor March 15, 1919."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges, Ferries.

By Mr. Duffey:

H. B. No. 275, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 637-h of Chapter 2, Title 18, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 203, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, by adding thereto Article 637-i; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges, Ferries.

By Mr. Bonham:

H. B. No. 276, A bill to be entitled "An Act abolishing the office of Dairy and Food Commissioner, providing that all duties now performed by said Commissioner, after this act takes effect, shall be performed by and under the direction of the Texas State Board of Health, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Cox:

H. B. No. 277, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Tuscola Independent School District in Taylor County, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its boards of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof; declaring that all taxes or bonds heretofore authorized by any former school district included within the bounds thereof shall remain in full force and effect; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Miller of Dallas:

H. B. No. 278, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix and establish a legal rate for the publication of all proclamations, advertising, or notices of all kinds required by law to be published in newspapers in this State for the State, counties or municipalities, or in any legal proceeding, providing for the filing by newspapers with the Board of Control, at Austin, Texas, of a sworn statement of their regular rate for advertising to be open to public inspection, repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Printing.

By Mr. Burkett:

H. B. No. 279, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate all sales of Deaf and Dumb Asylum land made on April 9, 1903, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Cox:

H. B. No. 280, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing and instructing the Board of Regents of the University of Texas to purchase certain additional land for the use, accommodation and further development of the University of Texas, providing for the condemna-

tion of such land where the purchase price cannot be agreed upon with the owner or owners; making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING.

The following House joint resolutions, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Thompson of Red River:

H. J. R. No. 17, Relating to the amending of Article 16, Section 44 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, abolishing the office of county treasurer.

Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Melson:

H. J. R. No. 18, Proposing an amendment to Section 44, Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, abolishing the office of county treasurer of every county in this State, and providing that the Legislature may provide for the appointment or election of a county auditor for every county in the State of Texas on such conditions and under such circumstances as the Legislature may prescribe.

Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

BILL RECOMMITTED.

Mr. John Davis of Dallas moved that House bill No. 55, reported adversely by the Committee on Counties, be re-committed.

Mr. Lawrence raised a point of order on the motion to recommit the bill on the ground that it is not permissible under the new rules of the House to recommit a bill reported adversely with no minority favorable report.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

On motion of Mr. Davis, then, by unanimous consent, the bill was re-committed to the Committee on Counties.

ADDITION TO STANDING COMMITTEE.

On motion of Mr. Beasley of McCulloch, by unanimous consent, the Speaker was authorized to add one additional member to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

MOTION TO PRINT CERTAIN BILLS.

Mr. Crumpton asked unanimous consent of the House to have House bills Nos. 249 and 254 printed in the Journal.

The Speaker announced that there was objection.

REQUESTING FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Mr. Teer offered the following resolution:

Whereas, This House is now considering many bills which affect the financial condition of our State; and

Whereas, It is necessary that each member should know what the exact financial status of the State Treasury now is, and what it will be August 31, 1921; be it

Resolved, That the State Treasurer be requested to furnish the House with a complete statement of the present financial condition of the State Treasury; and be it further

Resolved, That the State Comptroller be requested to furnish the House with a complete statement of the present condition of the various funds of this State, and the outstanding appropriations, and the very best estimate that he can make as to what the exact financial condition will be on August 31, 1921, and to give such other information as will assist this House in passing upon the various questions that may arise from time to time; and that said statements be printed in the Journal for the benefit of the members and the public.

The resolution was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Satterwhite, the resolution was laid on the table subject to call.

TENDERING USE OF HALL.

Mr. Thrasher offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Representatives of the public speaking clubs of the University of Texas, namely, the Hogg Debating Club and the Speakers' Club, desire to hold a debate in the city of Austin on the night of February 17, 1921; and

Whereas, Members of the clubs have asked permission to use the Hall of Representatives for such purpose; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, That the speaking clubs of the University of Texas be permitted to use the Hall of Representatives on the night of February 17, 1921, for the purpose of holding such joint debate.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

TO INCREASE PAY OF CALENDAR CLERK.

Mr. Teer offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The pay of the Chief Clerk, Reading Clerk, Journal Clerk and Sergeant-at-Arms have been increased to \$7.50 per day; and

Whereas, There is no more responsible office than Calendar Clerk and none that is more exacting; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Calendar Clerk be paid \$7.50 per day from January 11, 1921.

Signed—Teer, Hall, Miller of Dallas.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Owen raised a point of order on consideration of the resolution on the ground that the House having already fixed the salary sought to be changed, it would require a reconsideration of the original resolution fixing such salary before a resolution changing the salary could be considered by the House.

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

The resolution was then adopted.

RELATING TO THE SALARIES OF EMPLOYES.

Mr. Owen offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the salary of each officer of the House be fixed at \$7.50 per day from this date.

The resolution was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Fly, the resolution was tabled.

PROVIDING FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Mr. Rountree offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 12. Providing a convention to frame a Constitution for the State of Texas.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

1. That a convention to frame a new Constitution for the State of Texas shall assemble in the city of Austin on the first Monday in December, 1921, for the purpose of framing a new Constitution.

2. The convention herein provided for shall be composed of one hundred and forty-one delegates of the people.

3. Such delegates shall be chosen and

elected by the qualified electors of the State of Texas, as follows:

The qualified electors of each Representative district shall choose and elect one delegate.

4. An election shall be held on the fourth Saturday in July, 1921, for the election of such delegates. Such election shall be governed and controlled by the laws in force in regard to general elections.

5. The Governor shall issue his proclamation upon the passage of this resolution, directing the several officers of this State empowered by laws to conduct, manage and supervise elections under the laws of Texas, and as now provided by this resolution, to hold said election and make return of the result of the same.

6. The Constitution framed by the convention herein provided for shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors for adoption or rejection at an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in July, 1922. Such election be governed and controlled by the laws now in force in regard to general elections. Returns of such election shall be made by the election officers of each county to the county judge within thirty days after such election. The county judge of the several counties of the State shall transmit the vote of their respective counties to the Secretary of State within ten days after receiving the returns. If, upon a count of the vote of the people of the State, a majority shall be shown to have voted for the adoption of the Constitution, the Governor of the State shall at once make proclamation of such fact, and the Constitution thus adopted shall at once become the Constitution of the State of Texas.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Burmeister offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend the concurrent resolution by striking out the word "July" wherever it appears in specifying the date of the election for delegates and insert the word "September."

Mr. Henderson of McLennan moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Mr. Thompson of Red River raised a point of order on further consideration on the ground that the time allotted under the rules of the House for the consideration of resolutions had expired.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12
ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. J. R. No. 12, Proposing an amendment to Section 13, Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for sale and conveyance of property for taxes due thereon, and for the redemption by the former owner of land, within two years from the date of purchaser's deed.

The resolution was read third time.

Question—Shall the resolution be passed?

The Clerk was directed to call the roll and the resolution was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—113.

Adams.	Harrington.
Aiken.	Harrison.
Baldwin.	Henderson
Barker.	of Marion.
Barrett of Fannin.	Hendricks.
Bass.	Hill.
Beasley	Horton.
of Hopkins.	Johnson
Beasley	of Gillespie.
of McCulloch.	Johnson of Ellis.
Beavens.	Johnson
Binkley.	of Wichita.
Black, O. B.,	Jones.
of Bexar.	Kellis.
Black, W. A.,	Kveton.
of Bexar.	Lackey.
Bonham.	Laird.
Brady.	Lauderdale.
Branch.	Lindsey.
Brown	Looney.
Bryant.	McDaniel.
Burkett.	McFarlane.
Burmeister.	McKean.
Carpenter.	McLeod.
Childers.	Malone.
Chitwood.	Martin.
Coffee.	Mathes.
Cox.	Melson.
Crawford.	Menking.
Cummins.	Merriman.
Curtis.	Miller of Dallas.
Darroch.	Miller of Parker.
Davis, John E.,	Morgan.
of Dallas.	Morris of Medina.
Davis, John,	Morris
of Dallas.	of Montague.
Duffey.	Mott.
Duncan.	Neblett.
Edwards.	Neinast.
Estes.	Owen.
Faubion.	Perkins
Fly.	of Cherokee.
Greer.	Perkins of Lamar.
Grissom.	Perry.
Hanna.	Pollard.
Hardin.	Pool.

Pope.	Thomas
Quaid.	of Limestone.
Quinn.	Thomason.
Rice.	Thompson
Rogers of Harris.	of Harris.
Rogers of Shelby.	Thorn.
Rosser.	Thrasher.
Rountree.	Veatch.
Rowland.	Wallace.
Satterwhite.	Webb.
Schweppe.	Wessels.
Shearer.	West.
Sneed.	Westbrook.
Stephens.	Williams
Stevenson.	of McLennan.
Swann.	Williams
Sweet of Brown.	of Montgomery.
Sweet of Tarrant.	Wright.
Teer.	

Nays—16.

Baker.	Marshall.
Burns.	Moore.
Crumpton.	Seagler.
Fugler.	Smith.
Henderson	Stewart of Reeves.
of McLennan.	Thompson
Kacir.	of Red River.
King.	Wadley.
Lawrence.	Walker.

Absent.

Barrett of Bell.	Garrett.
Dinkle.	Sims.

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Patman.
Laney.	Quicksall.
Leslie.	Stewart
McCord.	of Edwards.

HOUSE BILL NO. 3 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 3, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the collection of an inheritance tax on property subject to the jurisdiction of the laws of this State passing by will or otherwise of a decedent, and giving the amount of property exempt before the tax accrues, and providing for inventory and appraisal of such property subject to the tax and duties of administrator, guardian or trustee as to reports and allowable deductions; also duty of the Tax Commission, and county judge, and other officials; prescribing the rate of tax and when the tax is due and payable, and to whom, and providing for penalties and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and failed to pass to engrossment.

Mr. Burmeister moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to pass the bill to engrossment and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading,

H. J. R. No. 6, Proposing an amendment to Section 2, Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by providing that only native born or naturalized citizens of the United States shall be qualified electors in this State, and permitting either the husband or the wife to pay the poll tax of the other and receive the receipt therefor, and permitting the Legislature to authorize absentee voting.

The resolution was read second time.

On motion of Mr. John Davis of Dallas, further consideration of the resolution was postponed until Tuesday, February 8.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading,

H. J. R. No. 7, Proposing an amendment to Section 3, of Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by limiting the amount of the poll tax collected by the State to fifty cents; giving the Legislature authority to authorize incorporated towns and cities to collect a poll tax not to exceed fifty cents and by counties not to exceed twenty-five cents.

The resolution was read second time.

On motion of Mr. John Davis of Dallas, further consideration of the resolution was postponed until Tuesday, February 8.

HOUSE BILL NO. 7 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 7, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Articles 865a, 865b, 865c, 865d, 865e, 865f, 865g, 865h and 865i, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas."

The bill was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Dallas, further consideration of the bill was

postponed until next Thursday, February 5.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading,

H. J. R. No. 14, To amend Section 1, Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for a graduated land tax.

The resolution was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Crumpton, further consideration of the resolution was postponed until Tuesday, February 8.

HOUSE BILL NO. 26 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 26, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate and supervise the sale and purchase in the State of Texas of stocks, stock certificates, bonds, debentures or other securities, and the transaction of business in this State of persons, joint stock companies, common law trusts, co-partnerships, companies or other persons or organizations offering for sale in this State such securities, excepting companies incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Horton offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend H. B. No. 26, p. 1, line 29, by striking out the figures "\$50.00" and insert "20.00" in lieu therefor.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Horton offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend H. B. No. 26, p. 2, line 33, by striking out the words "twenty per cent" and insert in lieu thereof the words "thirty per cent."

The amendment was lost.

On motion of Mr. Williams of McLennan, further consideration of the bill was postponed until next Wednesday, February 2.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Wallace the House at 12 o'clock m. took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by Speaker Thomas.

HOUSE BILL NO. 27 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 27, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of a modern apartment and rooming house on the old capitol grounds in the city of Austin, for the use, benefit and convenience of members of the State Senate and House of Representatives, and when not in use for such purpose, to be used in such manner as to be of most use to the State of Texas."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Johnson of Wichita offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 27, Section 1, line 19, by adding after the word "Representatives" the words "and their families."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Edwards offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 27 by striking out the enacting clause.

On motion of Mr. Rosser, the amendment was tabled.

House bill No. 27 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 34 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 34, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 6923 of Title 119 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, providing that any person summoned to work on the public roads of this State shall be exempted from the performance of such work upon payment to the road overseer of his district of \$2 for each and every day he is summoned to work, and exempting such person from all penalties for failure to work on such roads for the time for which he has so paid, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Fly offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

The committee desires to offer the following (committee) amendment to House bill No. 34, by striking out all of Article 6923 and insert as "Art. 6923" the following, to-wit:

"Every person liable to work on the roads, by paying to his road overseer at any time before the day appointed to

work on his road, the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) for each day that he is summoned to work, shall be exempt from working, for each day paid for, and also exempt from any penalties for failure to work for the time for which he has so paid, provided that any person liable to work on the roads may be exempt from road duty and exempt from any penalties for failure to work, for one year by paying to the county treasurer of the county in which he resides the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) on or the first day of February of such year that said person desires to be exempt from road duty." Correct caption.

The (committee) amendment was adopted.

Mr. Patman offered the following amendment to the bill:

After the word "paid," on line 13, add the following: "Providing for the payment of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) before the first day of February to the county treasurer, to be placed to the credit of the road and bridge fund in lieu of all road work or penalties for failure to work the roads."

Mr. Baldwin offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend caption to House bill No. 34, page 1, line 13, by inserting after the word "paid" in said line the following: "And providing that such person may be exempted from road work and all penalties for failure to so work by paying to the county treasurer on or before February 1st of each year the sum of \$7.50 for such year that said person desires to be exempt from road duty."

The substitute was adopted.

The amendment as substituted was then adopted.

Mr. Wessels offered the following amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend House bill No. 34, line 19, by striking out the words "every person liable to work on roads" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "all male and female citizens of this State between the ages of 21 and 50."

(2)

Amend House bill No. 34, line 20, by striking out the word "his" wherever it appears and insert in lieu thereof the words "his or her."

(3)

Amend House bill No. 34, lines 21 and 24, by striking out the word "he"

wherever it appears and insert in lieu thereof the words "he or she."

Mr. Rosser moved to table the amendments.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—111.

Mr. Speaker.	Johnson
Adams.	of Wichita.
Aiken.	Jones.
Baker.	Kacir.
Baldwin.	Kellis.
Barker.	King.
Barrett of Bell.	Lackey.
Barrett of Fannin.	Laird.
Bass.	Lauderdale.
Beasley	Lawrence.
of Hopkins.	Looney.
Beasley	McFarlane.
of McCulloch.	McKean.
Beavens.	Martin.
Black, O. B.,	Marshall.
of Bexar.	Mathes.
Bonham.	Melson.
Branch.	Merriman.
Bryant.	Miller of Dallas.
Burkett.	Miller of Parker.
Burmeister.	Morgan.
Burns.	Moore.
Carpenter.	Morris of Medina.
Childers.	Morris
Chitwood.	of Montague.
Coffee.	Mott.
Cox.	Neblett.
Crawford.	Owen.
Crumpton.	Patman.
Cummins.	Perkins
Curtis.	of Cherokee.
Darroch.	Perkins of Lamar.
Davis, John E.,	Perry.
of Dallas.	Pollard.
Davis, John,	Pool.
of Dallas.	Pope.
Dinkle.	Rice.
Duffey.	Rogers of Harris.
Duncan.	Rogers of Shelby.
Edwards.	Rosser.
Estes.	Rountree.
Faubion.	Rowland.
Fly.	Seagler.
Fugler.	Shearer.
Garrett.	Sims.
Greer.	Sneed.
Grissom.	Stephens.
Hardin.	Stevenson.
Harrington.	Stewart of Reeves.
Harrison.	Swann.
Henderson	Sweet of Brown.
of McLennan.	Sweet of Tarrant.
Henderson	Thomas
of Marion.	of Limestone.
Hill.	Thomason.
Horton.	Thompson
Johnson	of Harris.
of Gillespie.	

Thompson
of Red River.
Thorn.
Thrasher.
Veatch.
Wadley.
Walker.

Wallace.
Westbrook.
Williams
of McLennan.
Williams
of Montgomery.

Nays—8.

Black, W. A.,	McDaniel.
of Bexar.	Menking.
Brown.	Neinast.
Hanna.	Quinn.
Kveton.	Wessels.

Absent.

Binkley.	Satterwhite.
Brady.	Schweppe.
Hendricks.	Smith.
Johnson of Ellis.	Teer.
Lindsey.	Webb.
McLeod.	West.
Malone.	Wright.
Quaid.	

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Quicksall.
Laney.	Stewart
Leslie.	of Edwards.
McCord.	

Mr. Thorn offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 34, Article 6923, line 20, after the word "road" do away with the words "the sum of two dollars" and insert "one dollar and fifty cents."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Lawrence offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 34 as amended by inserting after the word "or," line 25, page 2, the word "before."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Lawrence offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 34, line 17, by striking out after the word "amended" the word "to" and insert the word "so," and by adding after the word "as" the word "to."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Burkett offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 34, and line 21 thereof, by striking out the "two" preceding the word "dollars" and insert in lieu thereof the word "three."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Perkins of Lamar offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 34, Article 6923, by adding Section 3, to read as follows: "Such money collected shall revert to

the overseer's road district from which such sum was paid to hire additional road labor in lieu of the road labor exempted thereby."

Signed—Perkins of Lamar, Pollard.

Mr. Barker moved the previous question on the pending amendment and the bill, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment, it was lost.

House bill No. 34 was then passed to engrossment.

VOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 3.

Mr. Burmeister asked unanimous consent of the House to withdraw the motion made by him this morning to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to pass House bill No. 3 to engrossment and to table the motion to reconsider, and that the motion and the vote on same be expunged from the Journal.

There was no objection offered and it was so ordered.

Mr. Smith then moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to pass House bill No. 3 to engrossment, and asked to have the motion to reconsider spread on the Journal.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, January 27, 1921.

Hon. Chas. G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

S. B. No. 38, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating, establishing and providing for the maintenance of a State Tuberculosis Sanatorium for Negroes, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 78, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 156, Section 1, of an act of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas, known as an act authorizing and regulating certain classes of indemnity contracts, empowering corporations to make such contracts and fixing certain fees and the penalty for violation thereof to include within the provisions of such act individuals, partnerships, associations and corporations doing business under a plan of operation known as Lloyds, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

A. W. HOLT,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Miss Annie Houghton, secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House, and being duly announced, presented the following message from the Governor, which was read to the House, as follows:

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas.

To the Senate and House of Representatives.

My Dear Co-Laborers: The Government belongs to the people. You and I represent the people. We should conduct their government economically and efficiently or resign. The welfare of the State is greater than the ambitions of an individual. The people, whose servants we are, are clamoring, rightly so, for a change in the wickedly wasteful conduct of the affairs of State. It is to the everlasting shame of our governments, municipal, county, State and national, that they have never adopted the business methods of efficiency and economy that make successful private corporations. Our government is a big financial business institution and should be operated in a business-like manner. The responsibility of rendering service, along this line, to the people of Texas now rests on your shoulders and mine. It cannot be shifted to others. We should meet these duties and responsibilities with courage and fidelity. The State has grown in its governmental affairs, top-heavy. It is burdened with overhead expenses. We have too much machinery. The State needs less legislation and more co-operation. There should not be even one office for political purposes in all Texas. Politics and business should be divorced. At the earliest hour possible, there should be abolished every board and bureau, every office and commission, except just enough to administer the government in a simple, economical manner. This is the only way to take up the slack and give to the people a maximum service at a minimum cost. Before cataloguing some recommendations looking to the abolishment, the consolidation, the co-ordination and the co-operation of certain departments, I desire to express the hope that this Legislature will set a new standard and make a new record in the realm of honest, home-spun economy. The people have by their votes put power into our hands to be used for their good, not ours. The millions "to fame and fortune unknown," who make up this commonwealth, have by toil and

sacrifice put money into our hands to be spent for them, not for ourselves. Therefore, let us have economy.

Our Agricultural Department and Our Institutions of Learning.

The State government in all its departments should be organized efficiently and economically. There should be no duplication or overlapping. We have two agencies which affect our agricultural interests, those which are educational and those which are administrative. All activities which pertain to the educational aspect and to the knowledge of agriculture should be, as a matter of economy in energy and money, lodged in and confined to the Agricultural and Mechanical College; and all those agencies protective of agricultural interests, which are administrative in nature and which involve the police power of the State, should be vested in the Department of Agriculture. To illustrate: The Farmers' Institute work, now conducted by the Department of Agriculture, should be done by the Agricultural and Mechanical College, because it is educational, and the Home Economics work, now maintained by the Department of Agriculture, should be done by the College of Industrial Arts, because work of that kind is being taught by that institution. It is absolutely foolish for these three agencies of the government to be engaged, as they are now, in the same kind of work. The transfer of these different activities to their respective departments of the government will represent, through the process of elimination, a wonderful and distinct saving in effort, energy and money. I commend most heartily to our Agricultural Department and to our institutions of learning that this separation of their work be made and that the differences heretofore and now existing between these agencies of the government, be in this way finally settled. This will be a great saving of both money and machinery.

Agricultural Department and the Warehouse and Marketing Department.

The Department of Agriculture should be widened, strengthened and perfected. It should be the strong, directing head of all the agricultural agencies of the State requiring administrative duties. This is sound in theory and practical in application. The functions of the Warehouse and Marketing Department relate to agricultural affairs and are administrative in character. Therefore, it is recommended that this department be

transferred to and that the entire work thereof be vested in and conducted by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The consolidation of these two departments will prevent duplication of work, eliminate friction, lessen overhead expenses and give to the people of the State a strong, centralized directing power in behalf of agriculture from the time the crop is planted until it has been properly marketed. To be specific, each of these departments have a Market Division. They should not be operated separately. They should be combined into one big, well equipped Division of Markets, maintained and controlled by the Department of Agriculture. I stand aggressively for a great marketing system for the people of Texas, and shall, within the next few days, have a special message dealing with this question. This one consolidation, which will not in any way impair the efficiency of the work, will be an annual saving of approximately \$28,000.00. This consolidation will do away with a number of office holders who are now duplicating work done by others. The combining of these two departments will save, in the aggregate in tax money, approximately \$56,000.00 a year. There is no sound reason for operating these two departments separately, except to keep tax-eating employees on the pay roll of the State. These office holders of course object to the consolidation. "When self the wavering balance shake, 'tis rarely right adjusted."

State Health Department and Food and Drug Department.

As a matter of economy and efficiency, the Pure Food and Drug Department should be consolidated with the State Health Department and placed under the direction of the State Health Officer. The reasons for so recommending are as follows:

1st. The purpose of the Pure Food Department is to eliminate fraud in the sale of food and drugs and to conserve the health of the people generally. The Department of Health also has for its object the conservation of health, and one of the means thereto is to prevent, in food and drugs, mixtures injurious to health. The two departments deal with the same commodities. As it is now the agents of these two departments visit the same places in the same town on the same day. It is obvious that the co-ordination and co-operation of all these agents under one head would not only be more economical, but far more efficient.

2nd. The numerous inspectors now used by the Health Department and the more than two hundred county and municipal health officers now under the direction of the Health Department could all be effectively and economically used for the enforcement of the pure food law.

3rd. The Pure Food Department has a splendid, well equipped laboratory. The Health Department is desperately in need of a better one than it now has. They are expensive. To have an up-to-date one for the Health Department would be duplication. The consolidation of the two laboratories would be greatly beneficial to the work that is now being done by the two departments.

4th. The inspection of food and drugs, as carried on by the pure food agents, properly comes under the jurisdiction of the Health Department.

5th. As separate departments there is too much duplication and overlapping of work; too much willful waste of money, and too much needless loss of energy.

6th. I am advised that a majority of the states of the Union have found it advantageous to have their pure food laws administered by their respective health departments. All work now done by the Agricultural and Mechanical College and by the Agricultural Department in connection with the administration of the pure food law should all be transferred at once to the Health Department.

7th. A careful investigation has been made and it is conservatively estimated that by the consolidation of these departments a saving of \$20,000.00 a year will be had in operating expenses. This money should be saved.

State Tax Board and Tax Commissioner.

I recommend the repeal of those provisions of the law which authorize the creation of a State Tax Board. The duties devolved by this statute upon the said Board and Tax Commissioner may well be transferred to the State Comptroller and the Railroad Commission. The Railroad Commission should be authorized to ascertain the intangible asset values of the properties subject to intangible assets tax, apportion to the several counties the amount due each, and certify such amount to the State Comptroller, whose duty it would be then to certify to the tax assessor of each county the amount of the intangible asset values due each county, just as this office now certifies rolling stock

values of railway lines. The Railroad Commission possesses the information essential to a determination of the value of the various elements entering into the intangible assets of railway properties and should be able to discharge the duties herein specified with but little additional work and with greater expedition than is possible by the Tax Board under the present statutes. The State Comptroller can, without additional help, ascertain and report to the Legislature biennially the total of State revenues, thus fulfilling the only other material service the said Tax Board and Tax Commissioner have been performing. The present Tax Commissioner is a splendid gentleman in every way, and has performed his duties as defined by the law, faithfully and well, but in my opinion, the Tax Board and the office of Tax Commissioner should be abolished and the work pertaining thereto should be, as a matter of economy, handled as above suggested.

The Industrial Welfare Commission.

The Industrial Welfare Commission has been a part of the Texas government nearly two years. Its pay roll has been taking out of the public treasury for salary and running expenses a thousand dollars a month. After inquiry, it is my opinion that it has not rendered any substantial service of any kind to the people. On investigation by the Legislature, it is my judgment that you will not find one worth-while accomplishment to its credit. If this department could not function in twenty months, I have no hopes for it. When I was a boy I learned that if an egg did not hatch at the proper time it would not hatch at all. I recommend that this Commission be abolished at once. If there are any services to be rendered under the law, let it be put where it belongs, under the Department of Labor. In this connection, I feel that it is but justice to say that in making this recommendation, it is not intended to reflect in any way on the the present members of this Commission. I have no reason to think they have not, under the law, done their best. The Commission, however, should be abolished and the things aimed at by the law should be, as a matter of economy and efficiency, delegated to the State Department of Labor.

The Board for Agricultural Experiment Sub-Stations Should Be Abolished.

On investigation, I am sure the Legislature will find it wise to abolish the

Agricultural Experiment Sub-Station Board that has in charge the branch experiment stations of the State. The duties of this Board should be given to the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College. This last named Board has control of the main experiment station located at College Station and appoints the director for the entire agricultural experiment station system, including the sub-stations, but strange as it may seem the sub-station board, which is entirely independent of the Board of Directors of the A. and M. College, appoints the employees of the sub-stations. It goes without argument to say that this is an overlapping of duties and responsibilities, necessarily creating friction and misunderstanding. It is clearly in the interest of economy and efficiency and public policy that the entire administration of the experiment station system be placed under one head, and that one head, of course, should be the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and I so recommend.

Mining Board and Mine Inspector.

The duties, functions, and the entire work of the Mining Board and the Mine Inspector should all be transferred to and operated by the Department of Labor. This work can all be done by this Department with but little additional expense or energy. There is no excuse for the State to send from the Mining Board a representative to visit a mine to investigate the ventilation and openings, etc., of the mine and then have the Labor Department to send another man the next day to look after the observance of the labor laws, and then on another day have the Welfare Commission send another representative of the State to see if any women or children are being overworked. Each representative who goes will probably cost the State a hundred dollars. One of these representatives could and should do the work of the three. This statement in regard to the investigation of a mine is a correct statement of how the business of the State in many respects is duplicated. The Labor Department has representatives to investigate the mines of the State, and there is no reason why the work of the Mine Inspector can not be carried on through these representatives just as thoroughly as it is now done, and to a great saving of the tax money. I commend this consolidation for your favorable consideration.

If the above program of consolidation, elimination, co-ordination and co-opera-

tion can be put into operation by proper legislation, it is my judgment that it will save at least one hundred thousand dollars a year of the people's money in the operating expenses of their government, and at the same time, set a higher standard of efficiency in the affairs of State. I congratulate you upon the present splendid opportunity to thus serve those in whose name and by whose authority you are here. It is my hope that this legislative administration will redound to the enduring good of the State and all her people.

"For forms of government let fools contest,
That is best which is administered best."

Yours for economy and efficiency,
PAT M. NEFF,
Governor.

SENATE BILL NO. 49 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 49, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 48, Section 2, pages 90-91, of the laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas, by changing the time and terms of holding court in the Seventy-ninth Judicial District so that Section 2 shall hereafter read as follows, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—123.

Adams.	Childers.
Aiken.	Chitwood.
Baker.	Coffee.
Baldwin.	Cox.
Barker.	Crawford.
Barrett of Bell.	Crumpton.
Barrett of Fannin.	Cummins.
Bass.	Curtis.
Beasley	Darroch.
of Hopkins.	Davis, John E.,
Beasley	of Dallas.
of McCulloch.	Davis, John,
Beavens.	of Dallas.
Black, O. B.,	Dinkle.
of Bexar.	Duffey.
Black, W. A.,	Duncan.
of Bexar.	Edwards.
Bonham.	Faubion.
Branch.	Fly.
Brown.	Fugler.
Burkett.	Garrett.
Burmeister.	Greer.
Carpenter.	Grissom.

Hanna.	Perkins
Hardin.	of Cherokee.
Harrington.	Perkins of Lamar.
Harrison.	Perry.
Henderson	Pollard.
of McLennan.	Pool.
Henderson	Pope.
of Marion.	Quinn.
Hendricks.	Rice.
Hill.	Rogers of Harris.
Horton.	Rogers of Shelby.
Johnson	Rosser.
of Gillespie.	Rountree.
Johnson of Ellis.	Rowland.
Johnson	Seagler.
of Wichita.	Shearer.
Jones.	Sims.
Kacir.	Smith.
Kellis.	Sneed.
Lackey.	Stevenson.
Laird.	Stewart of Reeves.
Lauderdale.	Swann.
Lawrence.	Sweet of Brown.
Lindsey.	Sweet of Tarrant.
Looney.	Teer.
McDaniel.	Thomas
McFarlane.	of Limestone.
McKean.	Thomason.
McLeod.	Thompson
Martin.	of Harris.
Marshall.	Thompson
Mathes.	of Red River.
Melson.	Thorn.
Menking.	Thrasher.
Merriman.	Veatch.
Miller of Dallas.	Wadley.
Miller of Parker.	Walker.
Morgan.	Wallace.
Morris of Medina.	Webb.
Morris	Wessels.
of Montague.	West.
Mott.	Westbrook.
Neblett.	Williams
Neinast.	of McLennan.
Owen.	Williams
Patman.	of Montgomery.
	Wright.

Absent.

Binkley.	Moore.
Brady.	Quaid.
Burns.	Quicksall.
Estes.	Satterwhite.
King.	Schweppe.
Kveton.	Stephens.
Malone.	

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	McCord.
Laney.	Stewart
Leslie.	of Edwards.

PROVIDING FOR INVESTIGATION
OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, ETC.

The Speaker laid before the House, as unfinished business, for consideration at this time,

H. C. R. No. 2, Providing for inquiry into the cost of administration of various departments of the State government to ascertain the advisability of dispensing with certain departments, boards, commissions and committees, or combining the same with other departments under a general head; to ascertain what work now performed by any department, board, commission or committee should be transferred to some other department; to ascertain what duplications of work exist in the various departments, the causes thereof and how such duplications of work may be eliminated; to ascertain the necessity for and extent of the work done by employees in the service of the State and the general efficiency and qualifications of such employees for the work now required of them; to ascertain the number of employees in each department of the State government whose services may be dispensed with without impairment of or injury to the public service; providing for the appointment of a joint committee of the House and Senate to conduct such inquiry; the organization of such committee, prescribing its powers, duties and authority; fixing the place for holding sessions of the committee; payment of its expenses, fixing pay for stenographers and clerks for such committee, and fixing time for such committee to file its reports, and defining the nature of such reports.

The resolution having been read second time on Tuesday, January 12, and having on Friday, January 14, been referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Baldwin offered the following amendments to the resolution:

(1)

Amend House Concurrent Resolution No. 2, first paragraph, top of page 18, House Journal, second column, so that said paragraph shall read as follows:

"The report of said committee shall be filed with the Chief Clerk of the House and with the Secretary of the Senate upon the completion of the investigation, if the Legislature be then in session, but if not then in session the report shall be filed with the Governor for submission by him to the Legislature at the first succeeding session thereof. All reports of said committee shall be advisory only, and when the same shall be made it shall be before the Legislature for the consideration of the respective Houses without action on the report."

(2)

Amend House Concurrent Resolution No. 2, column 2, page 17, House Journal of January 12, 1921, by adding a new paragraph after the paragraph therein numbered "sixthly," to read as follows:

"The investigation herein provided for shall at this time be limited to inquiry into those departments of the State government which are specifically referred to in the message of the Governor, sent to the Legislature on January 27, 1921."

The amendments were lost.

Question recurring on the resolution, it was lost.

HOUSE BILL NO. 36 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 36, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating, establishing and providing for the maintenance of a State Tuberculosis Sanatorium for negroes, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Dallas, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 82 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 82, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Section 8, of Chapter 4, of the Local and Special Laws passed at the Third Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, which was 'An Act to create a more efficient road law for Cass county,' and which section provides that all citizens of Cass county between the age of twenty-one and fifty years shall be subject to road duty and are required each to pay four dollars per annum in lieu of all laws requiring road duty, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 88 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 88, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Pennington Independent County Line School District of Trinity and Houston counties, Texas, for free school purposes

only, defining its boundaries, vesting it with all the rights, powers, duties and privileges of independent school districts under the general laws of Texas pertaining thereto; providing for a board of trustees; raising of revenue by taxation; issuing bonds and maintaining public free schools therein; vesting all lands, buildings and other property owned and held for public free school purposes in said district; providing that all outstanding bonded indebtedness of the Pennington Common County Line District No. 30 of said counties shall be validated and made a valid obligation against the Pennington County Line School District of Trinity and Houston counties, Texas; and declaring valid a maintenance and bond tax heretofore voted by said Pennington Common County Line School District, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—119.

Adams.	Duncan.
Aiken.	Edwards.
Baker.	Faubion.
Baldwin.	Fly.
Barker.	Fugler.
Barrett of Bell.	Garrett.
Barrett of Fannin.	Greer.
Bass.	Grissom.
Beasley	Hanna.
of Hopkins.	Hardin.
Beavens.	Harrington.
Black, O. B.,	Henderson
of Bexar.	of McLennan.
Black, W. A.,	Henderson
of Bexar.	of Marion.
Bonham.	Hendricks.
Branch.	Hill.
Brown.	Horton.
Bryant.	Johnson
Burkett.	of Gillespie.
Burmeister.	Johnson of Ellis.
Burns.	Johnson
Carpenter.	of Wichita.
Childers.	Jones.
Chitwood.	Kacir.
Coffee.	Kellis.
Crawford.	King.
Crumpton.	Laird.
Cummins.	Lauderdale.
Curtis.	Lawrence.
Darroch.	Lindsey.
Davis, John E.,	Looney.
of Dallas.	McDaniel.
Davis, John,	McFarlane.
of Dallas.	McKean.
Dinkle.	McLeod.
Duffey.	Martin.

Marshall.	Sims.
Mathes.	Smith.
Melson.	Sneed.
Menking.	Stephens.
Merriman.	Stevenson.
Miller of Dallas.	Stewart of Reeves.
Miller of Parker.	Swann.
Morris of Medina.	Sweet of Brown.
Morris	Sweet of Tarrant.
of Montague.	Teer.
Mott.	Thomas
Neblett.	of Limestone.
Neinast.	Thomason.
Owen.	Thompson
Patman.	of Harris.
Perkins of Lamar.	Thompson
Perry.	of Red River.
Pollard.	Thorn.
Pool.	Thrasher.
Pope.	Veatch.
Quinn.	Wadley.
Rice.	Walker.
Rogers of Harris.	Wallace.
Rogers of Shelby.	Wessels.
Rosser.	Westbrook.
Rountree.	Williams
Rowland.	of McLennan.
Satterwhite.	Williams
Seagler.	of Montgomery.
Shearer.	Wright.

Absent.

Beasley	Malone.
of McCulloch.	Morgan.
Binkley.	Moore.
Brady.	Perkins
Cox.	of Cherokee.
Estes.	Quaid.
Harrison.	Schweppe.
Kveton.	Webb.
Lackey.	West.

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Quicksall.
Laney.	Stewart
Leslie.	of Edwards.
McCord.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 98 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 98, A bill to be entitled "An Act extending the boundaries of the Trinity Independent School District, enlarging the same and defining its boundaries, and providing that the management and control of all public free schools within said enlarged district shall be vested in the present board of public school trustees of the Trinity Independent School District and their successors in office, as now provided in the general laws of the State of Texas and conferred upon boards of public school trustees of independent school

districts; and providing that such added land and territory shall not be in any manner subjected to the payment of any portion of the bonded indebtedness now outstanding against the present Trinity Independent School District; the district as it existed prior to the enlargement thereof prior to the passage of this act, and providing that none of the land, territory and property by this act added to said Trinity Independent School District shall be subjected to the payment of any portion of the local maintenance tax now levied, assessed and collected in said district, except in so far as the same may have been heretofore levied and assessed by a vote of the people in said added territory as now provided by the general laws of this State, or as may hereafter be voted by the people of said enlarged district, as provided by the general laws of this State, and investing said Trinity Independent School District with all the powers, rights and duties of independent school districts, incorporated for free school purposes only, as now provided by the general laws of this State for such districts, naming the fiscal year as to taxes, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—110.

Adams.	Darroch.
Aiken.	Davis, John E.,
Baker.	of Dallas.
Baldwin.	Davis, John,
Barker.	of Dallas.
Barrett of Bell.	Dinkle.
Barrett of Fannin.	Duffey.
Bass.	Duncan.
Beasley	Edwards.
of Hopkins.	Faubion.
Beavens.	Fly.
Black, O. B.,	Fugler.
of Bexar.	Garrett.
Black, W. A.,	Greer.
of Bexar.	Grissom.
Bonham.	Hanna.
Branch.	Hardin.
Brown.	Harrington.
Bryant.	Henderson
Burkett.	of McLennan.
Burns.	Henderson
Carpenter.	of Marion.
Childers.	Hendricks.
Chitwood.	Hill.
Coffee.	Horton.
Cox.	Johnson
Crumpton.	of Wichita.
Cummins.	Jones.
Curtis.	Kacir.

Kellis.	Rogers of Harris.
King.	Rogers of Shelby.
Kveton.	Rosser.
Laird.	Rountree.
Lauderdale.	Rowland.
Lawrence.	Satterwhite.
Lindsey.	Shearer.
Looney.	Sims.
McDaniel.	Sneed.
McFarlane.	Stephens.
McKean.	Stevenson.
McLeod.	Stewart of Reeves.
Martin.	Swann.
Marshall.	Sweet of Brown.
Mathes.	Sweet of Tarrant.
Melson.	Teer.
Menking.	Thomas
Merriman.	of Limestone.
Miller of Dallas.	Thomason.
Miller of Parker.	Thompson
Morris of Medina.	of Harris.
Morris	Thompson
of Montague.	of Red River.
Mott.	Thorn.
Neblett.	Thrasher.
Neinast.	Veatch.
Owen.	Wadley.
Patman.	Wessels.
Perkins of Lamar.	Westbrook.
Perry.	Williams
Pollard.	of McLennan.
Pope.	Williams
Quinn.	of Montgomery.
Rice.	Wright.

Absent.

Beasley	Moore.
of McCulloch.	Perkins
Binkley.	of Cherokee.
Brady.	Pool.
Crawford.	Quaid.
Estes.	Schweppe.
Harrison.	Seagler.
Johnson	Smith.
of Gillespie.	Walker.
Johnson of Ellis.	Wallace.
Lackey.	Webb.
Malone.	West.
Morgan.	

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Quicksall.
Laney.	Stewart
Leslie.	of Edwards.
McCord.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 82 ON FINAL
PASSAGE.

Mr. Patman moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 82 was passed today.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 82 before the House on its final passage.

Question—Shall the bill be passed?

The Clerk was directed to call the

roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—115.

Adams.	Lindsey.
Aiken.	Looney.
Barker.	McDaniel.
Barrett of Bell.	McFarlane.
Barrett of Fannin.	McKean.
Bass.	McLeod.
Beasley	Malone.
of Hopkins.	Martin.
Beasley	Marshall.
of McCulloch.	Mathes.
Beavens.	Melson.
Black, O. B.,	Menking.
of Bexar.	Merriman.
Black, W. A.,	Miller of Dallas.
of Bexar.	Miller of Parker.
Bonham.	Morris of Medina.
Branch.	Morris
Brown.	of Montague.
Bryant.	Mott.
Burns.	Neblett.
Carpenter.	Neinast.
Childers.	Owen.
Chitwood.	Patman.
Coffee	Perkins of Lamar.
Cox.	Perry.
Crumpton.	Pollard.
Cummins.	Pool.
Curtis.	Quinn.
Davis, John,	Rice.
of Dallas.	Rogers of Harris.
Dinkle.	Rogers of Shelby.
Duffey.	Rosser.
Duncan.	Rountree.
Edwards.	Rowland.
Faubion.	Satterwhite.
Fly.	Shearer.
Fugler.	Sims.
Garrett.	Smith.
Greer.	Sneed.
Grissom.	Stephens.
Hanna.	Stewart of Reeves.
Hardin.	Swann.
Harrington.	Sweet of Brown.
Henderson	Sweet of Tarrant.
of McLennan.	Teer.
Henderson	Thomas
of Marion.	of Limestone.
Hendricks.	Thomason.
Hill.	Thompson
Horton.	of Harris.
Johnson	Thompson
of Gillespie.	of Red River.
Johnson of Ellis.	Thorn.
Johnson	Thrasher.
of Wichita.	Veatch.
Jones.	Wadley.
Kacir.	Walker.
Kellis.	Wallace.
King.	Wessels.
Kveton.	Westbrook.
Laird.	Williams
Lauderdale.	of McLennan.
Lawrence.	

Williams of Montgomery. Wright.
Present—Not Voting.

Baldwin. Absent.

Baker.	Moore.
Binkley.	Perkins
Brady.	of Cherokee.
Crawford.	Pope.
Darroch.	Quaid.
Davis, John E.,	Schweppe.
of Dallas.	Seagler.
Estes.	Stevenson.
Harrison.	Webb.
Lackey.	West.
Morgan.	

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Quicksall.
Laney.	Stewart
Leslie.	of Edwards.
McCord.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 124 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 124, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 57, Section 2, Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Third Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, approved June 17, 1920, creating the Blythe County Line Independent School District in Gaines, Terry and Yoakum counties, by redefining and correcting the boundaries of said Blythe County Line Independent School District, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—109.

Adams.	Burmeister.
Baldwin.	Carpenter.
Barker.	Childers.
Barrett of Bell.	Chitwood.
Barrett of Fannin.	Coffee.
Bass.	Crumpton.
Beasley	Cummins.
of Hopkins.	Curtis.
Beasley	Davis, John E.,
of McCulloch.	of Dallas.
Beavens.	Davis, John,
Black, O. B.,	of Dallas.
of Bexar.	Dinkle.
Black, W. A.,	Duffey.
of Bexar.	Duncan.
Benham.	Faubion.
Brown.	Fly.
Bryant.	Fugler.

Greer.	Owen.
Grissom.	Patman.
Hanna.	Perkins
Hardin.	of Cherokee.
Harrington.	Perkins of Lamar.
Henderson	Perry.
of McLennan.	Pollard.
Henderson	Pool.
of Marion.	Pope.
Hendricks.	Quinn.
Hill.	Rice.
Horton.	Rogers of Harris.
Johnson	Rogers of Shelby.
of Gillespie.	Rosser.
Johnson of Ellis.	Rountree.
Johnson	Rowland.
of Wichita.	Satterwhite.
Jones.	Shearer.
Kacir.	Sims.
Kellis.	Sneed.
King.	Stephens.
Kveton.	Stevenson.
Laird.	Stewart of Reeves.
Lauderdale.	Swann.
Lawrence.	Sweet of Brown.
Lindsey.	Sweet of Tarrant.
Looney.	Teer.
McDaniel.	Thomas.
McFarlane.	of Limestone.
McKean.	Thomason.
McLeod.	Thompson
Marshall.	of Harris.
Mathes.	Thompson
Melson.	of Red River.
Menking.	Thorn.
Merriman.	Thrasher.
Miller of Dallas.	Wadley.
Miller of Parker.	Walker.
Moore.	Wallace.
Morris of Medina.	West.
Morris	Westbrook.
of Montague.	Williams
Mott.	of McLennan.
Neblett.	Williams
Neinast.	of Montgomery.

Absent.

Aiken.	Harrison.
Baker.	Lackey.
Binkley.	Malone.
Brady.	Martin.
Branch.	Morgan.
Burkett.	Quaid.
Burns.	Schweppe.
Cox.	Seagler.
Crawford.	Smith.
Darroch.	Veatch.
Edwards.	Webb.
Estes.	Wessels.
Garrett.	Wright.

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Quicksall.
Laney.	Stewart
Leslie.	of Edwards.
McCord.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 130 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 130, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the El Jardin Independent School District in Cameron county, Texas, and defining its boundaries; providing for the election and qualification of a board of trustees therefor; providing for the selection of a secretary, treasurer, assessor and collector of taxes and all other necessary officers and committees and prescribing their qualifications; investing said district with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated under the general laws of the State for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—117.

Adams.	Hanna.
Baldwin.	Hardin.
Barker.	Harrington.
Barrett of Bell.	Henderson
Barrett of Fannin.	of McLennan.
Bass.	Henderson
Beasley	of Marion.
of Hopkins.	Hendricks.
Beasley	Hill.
of McCulloch.	Horton.
Beavens.	Johnson of Ellis.
Black, W. A.,	Johnson
of Bexar.	of Wichita.
Bonham.	Jones.
Branch.	Kacir.
Brown.	Kellis.
Bryant.	Kveton.
Burgett.	Lackey.
Burmeister.	Laird.
Carpenter.	Lauderdale.
Childers.	Lawrence.
Chitwood.	Lindsey.
Cox.	Looney.
Crumpton.	McDaniel.
Cummins.	McFarlane.
Curtis.	McKean.
Darroch.	McLeod.
Davis, John E.,	Martin.
of Dallas.	Marshall.
Davis, John,	Mathes.
of Dallas.	Melson.
Duffey.	Menking.
Duncan.	Merriman.
Faubion.	Miller of Dallas.
Fly.	Miller of Parker.
Fugler.	Moore.
Garrett.	Morris of Medina.
Greer.	Morris
Grissom.	of Montague.

Mott.	Sweet of Brown.
Neblett.	Sweet of Tarrant.
Neinast.	Teer.
Owen.	Thomas
Patman.	of Limestone.
Perkins of Lamar.	Thomason.
Perry.	Thompson
Pollard.	of Harris.
Pool.	Thompson
Quinn.	of Red River.
Rogers of Harris.	Thorn.
Rogers of Shelby.	Thrasher.
Rosser.	Walker.
Rowland.	Wallace.
Satterwhite.	Wessels.
Shearer.	Westbrook.
Sims.	Williams
Sneed.	of McLennan.
Stephens.	Williams
Stevenson.	of Montgomery.
Stewart of Reeves.	Wright.
Swann.	

Absent.

Aiken.	Malone.
Baker.	Morgan.
Binkley.	Perkins
Black, O. B.,	of Cherokee.
of Bexar.	Pope.
Brady.	Quaid.
Burns.	Rice.
Coffee.	Rountree.
Crawford.	Schweppe.
Dinkle.	Seagler.
Edwards.	Smith.
Estes.	Veatch.
Harrison.	Wadley.
Johnson	Webb.
of Gillespie.	West.
King.	

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Quicksall.
Laney.	Stewart
Leslie.	of Edwards.
McCord.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 133 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 133, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Carrizo Springs Independent School District of Dimmit county; defining its metes and bounds; vesting it with the rights and powers, duties and privileges of districts incorporated for school purposes only under the general laws; providing that all outstanding bonded indebtedness of Carrizo Springs Common School District No. 1 of Dimmit county, Texas, shall be validated and made a valid obligation against the Carrizo Springs Independent School District of Dimmit county, Texas; providing for a board of trustees therefor, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—110.

Adams.	Lawrence.
Baldwin.	Lindsey.
Barker.	Looney.
Barrett of Bell.	McDaniel.
Barrett of Fannin.	McFarlane.
Bass.	McKean.
Beasley	McLeod.
of Hopkins.	Martin.
Beasley	Marshall.
of McCulloch.	Mathes.
Beavens.	Melson.
Black, W. A.,	Menking.
of Bexar.	Merriman.
Branch.	Miller of Dallas.
Brown.	Miller of Parker.
Bryant.	Moore.
Burkett.	Morris of Medina.
Burmeister.	Morris
Carpenter.	of Montague.
Childers.	Mott.
Chitwood.	Neblett.
Coffee.	Neinast.
Cox.	Owen.
Crumpton.	Patman.
Cummins.	Perkins of Lamar.
Curtis.	Perry.
Darroch.	Pollard.
Davis, John E.,	Pool.
of Dallas.	Pope.
Davis, John,	Quinn.
of Dallas.	Rice.
Duffey.	Rogers of Harris.
Duncan.	Rogers of Shelby.
Faubion.	Rosser.
Fly.	Rountree.
Fugler.	Rowland.
Garrett.	Satterwhite.
Greer.	Shearer.
Grisom.	Sims.
Hanna.	Sneed.
Hardin.	Stevenson.
Harrington.	Stewart of Reeves.
Henderson	Swann.
of McLennan.	Sweet of Brown.
Henderson	Sweet of Tarrant.
of Marion.	Teer.
Hendricks.	Thomas
Hill.	of Limestone.
Horton.	Thompson
Johnson	of Harris.
of Gillespie.	Thompson
Johnson	of Red River.
of Wichita.	Thorn.
Kacir.	Thrasher.
Kellis.	Veatch.
King.	Walker.
Kveton.	Wallace.
Lackey.	Webb.
Laird.	Wessels.
Lauderdale.	Westbrook.

Williams
of McLennan.

Williams
of Montgomery.
Wright.

Absent.

Aiken.	Jones.
Baker.	Malone.
Binkley.	Morgan.
Bonham.	Perkins
Black, O. B.,	of Cherokee.
of Bexar.	Quaid.
Brady.	Schweppe.
Burns.	Seagler.
Crawford.	Smith.
Dinkle.	Stephens.
Edwards.	Thomason.
Estes.	Wadley.
Harrison.	West.
Johnson of Ellis.	

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Quicksall.
Laney.	Stewart
Leslie.	of Edwards.
McCord.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 67 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 67, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a special road law for Coryell county, Texas, making the commissioners for said county supervisors of the roads in their respective districts, prescribing their duties as such supervisors; prescribing how said roads and bridges shall be built and worked; providing for payment of overseers for overtime; providing that each commissioner's beat shall receive all the road and bridge funds paid by said beat; providing how and where said moneys shall be spent; providing for teams and tools, and providing ways for road hands to work on said road, and providing for substitutes; defining the duties of county treasurer and county clerks relative to said road law; providing for investigation by grand jury for violations of said law; fixing penalties for violation of said law; repealing all special laws in conflict herewith; making this law cumulative to the general road law, where same does not conflict, and providing where same conflicts with general road law that this special law shall supersede general laws and providing for an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Edwards offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 67, page 3, line 3, changing amount following word "exceeding 5.00" to read "12.00."

The amendment was adopted.

H. B. No. 67 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 173 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 173, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 50, of Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas, being an act known as House bill No. 122, enacted by the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, at its Third Called Session, approved June 17, 1920, creating Miles Independent School District; this amendment revising, diminishing and re-establishing the limits and metes and bounds of said district as established by said act, to include only territory in Runnels county and excluding from said district certain territory in Runnels county and all territory in Tom Green county, and restoring and re-establishing such excluded territory, which said act known as House bill No. 122 included in said Miles Independent School District to and as constituting, in whole or in part, as the case may be, the same original respective school districts of Tom Green and Runnels counties which such territory constituted, in whole or in part, before the taking effect of such act; continuing in office the trustees of such original respective school districts of Tom Green and Runnels counties who were in office when said original act took effect, with the same powers and duties as then conferred upon them by law, until the expiration of their respective terms of office; and continuing all the parts of said act which are not hereby amended in full force and effect; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Kellis offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 173 by inserting the figure "1" just after and immediately following the word "Section" in the first line of Section 1 of said House bill and by striking out the figure "2" just after and immediately following the word "Section" in the second line of Section 2 of said House bill and by inserting therein the figure "1" in lieu of and in the place and instead of said figure "2" so stricken out and by striking out the figure "2" just after and immediately following the word "Section" in the seventeenth line of Section 3

of said House bill and by inserting therein the figure "1" in lieu of and in the place and instead of said figure "2" so stricken out.

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 173 was then passed to engrossment.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills received from the Senate today were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

Senate bill No. 3, to the Committee on Eleemosynary Institutions.

Senate bill No. 78, to the Committee on Municipal and Private Corporations.

ADDITION TO STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following additional member to the Committee on Banks and Banking:

Mr. Stewart of Edwards.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Crumpton moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Curtis moved that the House adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Crumpton prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 5:30 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

FOURTEENTH DAY.

(Friday, January 28, 1921.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Thomas.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Adams.	Bonham.
Aiken.	Branch.
Baker.	Brown.
Baldwin.	Bryant.
Barker.	Burkett.
Barrett of Bell.	Burmeister.
Barrett of Fannin.	Burns.
Bass.	Carpenter.
Beasley.	Childers.
of Hopkins.	Chitwood.
Beasley.	Coffee.
of McCulloch.	Cox.
Beavens.	Crawford.
Black, O. B.,	Crumpton.
of Bexar.	Cummins.
Black, W. A.,	Curtis.
of Bexar.	Darroch.